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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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S/N:	10/661,641	:		
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Filed:	09/15/03	:		
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Title:	Treatment of Neuropsychiatric	:		
	Disorders By Near-Diaphragmatic	:		
	Nerve Stimulation	:	Examiner:	Scott M. Getzow

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 11/25/05**

The present amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed November 25, 2005, and having a three month shortened statutory response period. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and the application be reconsidered in view thereof. Because the present response is filed within the shortened statutory period, it is believed that no additional fee is due. However, please charge any such fee to Cyberonics Deposit Account No. 503053.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as followed:

1-22 (canceled)

23. (presently amended) A system [[Apparatus]] for treating patients suffering from a [[specified]] neuropsychiatric disorder, comprising